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# Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

## News Release

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### What Does Freedom Mean to You?

*Student Art Contest Commemorates 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation*

Fort Oglethorpe, GA – Calling all teenage film makers, poets, and photographers! The [National Park Service](#), in partnership with the [National Park Foundation's African American Experience Fund](#), has launched [Expressions of Freedom](#), a nationwide artistic competition to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Contest submissions will be accepted from students 13 to 18 years old in three categories – photography, poetry, and digital short films. The first-place winner in each category will receive a \$2,500 academic scholarship and the second-place winner will receive a \$1,000 academic scholarship. The deadline for entries is October 15, 2012. Details are available at <http://www.nps.gov/freedom>.

“The issue that was at the heart of the Civil War – the continual struggle for equality for all – remains relevant today,” said Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service. “This contest encourages young people to reflect on their own personal meanings of freedom and creatively express those thoughts.”

*Expressions of Freedom* is designed to connect student artists to the significance of the American Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the system of national parks that commemorate events associated with the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement.

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